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Applicant: Keith H. Baker et al : Paper No.:  
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For: Compositions for Treating Shoes and Articles Employing Same

**SECOND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Box Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to first action by the Examiner, please amend the present application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims ~~57-73~~ and 75.

Please add the following claims 76-86:

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~~1~~ --76. (NEW) A method for treating one or more shoes, comprising, prior to washing the one or more shoes with or in an aqueous medium, applying a conditioning treating composition comprising a conditioner to the inside of the one or more shoes and applying a cleaning treating composition to the outside of the one or more shoes, wherein at least one of the treating compositions is formulated so that any damage as a result of washing the one or more shoes with or in an aqueous medium with application of the at least one treating composition is reduced as compared to washing the one or more shoes with or in an aqueous medium without application of the at least one treating composition.--

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